

# ***Discipleship Under Pressure***

*Luke 17:1-10*

**Introduction:** As Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem continues, the pressures mount. They are mobbed by people wanting instruction and healing. And they face an uncertain destiny when they arrive in Jerusalem. Jesus, therefore, takes time out to teach them about what it means to follow him when the pressures become intense.

- 1. *WHEN UNDER PRESSURE... Watch your public response. Be careful to not do things that might lead people to deny Christ. Luke 17:1-3a***
  - A. The specific problem – Leading people to a place where they reject Christ. 17:1 (and 2)
  - B. The graphic illustration – Jesus says it's better to die violently than to lure someone from Christ. 17:2-3a
  
- 2. *WHEN UNDER PRESSURE... We must deal with our conflicts in skillful ways. Luke 17:3b-4***
  - A. Jesus assumes that we are going to be in healthy accountability relationships. 17:3b
  - B. Jesus commands us to operate in those relationships with extraordinary grace.
  - C. How we are seeking to apply this at GCC.
  
- 3. *WHEN UNDER PRESSURE... Don't worry about the *amount* of faith you have. Just make sure you *use* what you have. Luke 17:5-6***
  - A. The disciples' request – Increase our faith. 17:5
  - B. Jesus' first response – Everyone's faith starts small...like the mustard seed. 17:6a
  - C. Jesus' second response – A little faith can do surprising things, if you put it to use. 17:6b
  - D. How this works today – The emphasis is on the surprising nature of faith.
  
- 4. *WHEN UNDER PRESSURE... Remember you are even more than a servant. You are a slave. Luke 17:7-10***
  - A. Jesus tells a parable about the activity of a common slave. 17:7-9
  - B. Jesus wants to show us that we are like those slaves.